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Mr. Major Hearn
Regional Coordinator
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Maywood, Illinois 60153


Dear Mr. Hearn:

Enclosed for your review is a recent letter transmitted to Mr. Stephen Benoit in response to his April 24, 1985 loading of an agricultural product into his aircraft, outside of the designated crop sprayer location. Also, enclosed are your agency's remarks pertaining to the necessity for the isolation of this type of activity from normal non-commercial aircraft operations areas and an apparent approval of the location from which the Rusk and Russell Custom Crop Spray businesses are conducted.

Previous to this incident, Mr. Benoit was informed that any handling of agricultural products should be accomplished in this designated area, however, the Airport Authority's request has gone unheeded.

Since the Agency's interest in the airport in the past year and the Authority's increased awareness of its own accountability, we would hope that you would support our position in this matter and provide us with additional supportive recommendations.

Sincerely,
KANKAKEE VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY


Steven G. Skorepa, Airport Manager

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Enclosures



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April 30, 1985

Stephen Benoit
493 Chippewa Drive
Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914

Dear Mr. Benoit:

This is to advise you that on April 24, 1985 at approximately 4:15 p.m. you were observed by airport personnel loading an agrichemical product into your aircraft in the proximity of the Kankakee Aviation Services' office and hangar facility.

You are hereby given notice to cease and desist from any such further handling of agrichemical products in other than the designated crop sprayer location.

Enclosed for your review is a previous July 30, 1984 correspondence from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Airport Authority. As indicated, the EPA has recommended the isolation of crop sprayer operations from normal aircraft operations areas, and has approved of the location currently in use by the Rusk and Russell Custom Spray businesses.

The Authority has been charged with the responsibility to ensure and maintain that all such agrichemical operations adhere to those sections of the Environmental Protection Act and Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations as cited within the enclosed document.

In conclusion, the EPA has clearly pointed out to the Authority, that in addition to the operator of such an activity, the Airport Authority shall be held responsible for causing and/or allowing violations of the above mentioned Act. However, the Authority would be within its rights to hold you and your supplier responsible for any penalties suffered by the Authority as a result of your mishandling of agrichemical products on airport property.

Sincerely,
KANKAKEE VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Robert B. Glade, Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Joseph Yurgine
Major Hearn
Donald Schafer